Guide to the John Bidwell Papers (Sutter’s Fort Pioneer Collection), 1841-1902

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Contents
Business and personal papers, correspondence, certificates, contracts, receipts.
Biography
John Bidwell was born in Chautauqua, N.Y., August 5, 1819. He came to California in 1841 with the Bartleson-Bidwell party. He was employed at Sutter's Fort in Sacramento and purchased Rancho del Arroyo Chico (now the city of Chico) in 1849. An agriculturalist and philanthropist, he was a delegate to the California Constitutional Convention in 1849. He served as State Senator from 1849 to 1850 and as California Representative to Congress in 1865/1867. He was a candidate for President in 1892. He died in Chico, April 4, 1900.

Sutter, John Augustus, 1803-1880
Larkin, Thomas Oliver, 1802-1858
McKinstry, George
Johnson, John Neely
Map (tracing copy) "Elachamac, or Alachamc, granted to J. Bidwell."

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